

DISPOSITION OF USELESS EXECUTIVE PAPERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Mr. WASON, from the Committee on Disposition of Useless Executive Papers, submitted the following

REPORT

[On the disposition of useless papers in the Department of Labor]

The Joint Select Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, appointed on the part of the Senate and on the part of the House of Representatives, to which were referred the reports of the heads of departments, bureaus, etc., in respect to the accumulation therein of old and useless files of papers which are not needed or useful in the transaction of the current business therein, respectively, and have no permanent value or historical interest, with accompanying statements of the condition and character of such papers, respectfully report to the Senate and House of Representatives, pursuant to an act entitled "An act to authorize and provide for the disposition of useless papers in the executive departments," approved February 16, 1889, as follows:

Your committee have met, and by a subcommittee appointed by your committee, carefully and fully examined the said report so referred to your committee and the statements of the condition and the character of such files and papers therein described, and we find and report that the files and papers described in the report of the Department of Labor, dated February 20, 1925, to the Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, are not needed in the transaction of the current business of such department and bureaus and have no permanent value or historical interest.

We recommend that, as required by law, the Department of Labor sell as waste paper or otherwise dispose of such files of papers upon the best obtainable terms, after due publication of notice inviting proposals therefor, and receive and pay the proceeds thereof into the Treasury of the United States, and make report thereof to Congress.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate and House of Representatives.

EDWARD H. WASON,
A. B. ROUSE,

Members on the part of the House.

L. C. PHIPPS,
A. A. JONES,

Members on the part of the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
Washington, February 20, 1925.

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize and provide for the disposition of useless papers in the executive departments," approved February 16, 1889, as amended by the act approved March 2, 1895, I have to report that there is in this department an accumulation of miscellaneous material of the Bureau of Naturalization which will be of no further use in the transaction of official business.

A list of these files, similar to the one inclosed, has been presented to the Librarian of Congress pursuant to the terms of the Executive order of March 16, 1912, and a report received to the effect that the papers do not possess sufficient historical interest to warrant their preservation in the Library.

It is accordingly recommended that authority be granted for the disposition of these papers to the end that they may be sold as waste paper or otherwise disposed of in accordance with law.

A similar letter has been addressed to the President pro tempore of the Senate.

Respectfully,

ROBE CARL WHITE,
Second Assistant Secretary.

The SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D. C.

NATURALIZATION SERVICE

The following papers are dated prior to December 31, 1923:

1. Carbon of form letter requesting information from the selective service records division, War Department (original is filled in and returned by War Department, making carbon copy superfluous after receipt of original).

2. Daily report of examiners.

3. Statement of petitioner.

4. Statement of Witness.

5. Correspondence and results of investigations with reference to certified copies of naturalization papers.

6. Correspondence re certificates of arrival.

7. General correspondence re depositions.

8. Requests for general information which have been replied to and copies of replies.

9. Covers and stubs of transportation check books.

10. Reports of hearings.

11. Correspondence with reference to soldier certificates where delivery has been made.

12. Copies of requisitions.

13. Copies of applications for leave of absence and reports thereon.

14. Travel orders and assignments of examiners.

15. Miscellaneous papers re naturalization of soldiers and sailors.

16. Reports from War Department re status under selective service law.

17. Carbons of reports of petitions denied, where cases have been closed.

18. Court orders and carbons of correspondence re rule days.

19. Reports from postmasters re character and reputation of prospective citizens.

20. Notices from bureau of certificates of naturalization issued to courts, where certificates have been granted.

21. Carbons of requests for additional information from petitioners and witnesses, where cases have been closed.

22. Carbons of correspondence with clerks of courts re defects in petitions, where petitions have been heard and cases closed.

23. Card notification of enrollment of alien in school.

24. Miscellaneous correspondence re educational work.

25. Miscellaneous correspondence with examiners in charge at substations having no permanent value.

26. Letters of transmittal of checks.

27. Reports of number of copies of declarations issued.

28. Informal report from clerk of court on business transacted.

29. Carbons of outgoing telegrams.

30. Carbons of requests for supplies, where shipments have been made.

31. Miscellaneous correspondence re alien enemy petitions.
32. Correspondence re general matters with bureau of no importance.
33. Correspondence with examiners, clerks of courts, and applicants for naturalization re general matters of no importance.
34. Preliminary form of petition, No. 2214, where petition has been heard by the court.
35. Preliminary form of declaration, Form 2213, received from clerks of courts where alien failed to appear to file his declaration.
36. Memorandum of traveling expenses, Form 2307.
37. Office copy of monthly expense vouchers, possessing no permanent value.
38. Letters of transmittal of monthly telephone and telegraph vouchers to the bureau.
39. Office copies of British subjects naturalized, possessing no permanent value.
40. Carbon of monthly nationality report.
41. Copies of correspondence with clerks of court re method of preparing monthly reports.

BUREAU

42. Miscellaneous correspondence with prospective petitioners in Philadelphia in 1914 and 1915, possessing no permanent value.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS,
Washington, February 19, 1925.

SIR: In reply to your letter of February 16, transmitting lists of miscellaneous material in the files of the Bureau of Naturalization of the Department of Labor, which it is desired to destroy under the terms of the Executive order of March 16, 1912:

The matter has had the attention of the assistant chief of our manuscript division, who now reports that none of the papers listed appear to have historical value. The lists which you submitted are therefore returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

HERBERT PUTNAM, *Librarian.*

To the SECOND ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
Washington, D. C.



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